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The Cambodian Government has engaged a Chinese firm named Tong An Company¹ to clear an area very close to and to the northeast of Poipet (N 13-37, E 102-33). This area is rectangular in shape and has a perimeter of approximately three kilometers.² There are approximately 250 to 300 laborers working on the job, which was begun about the middle of March 1953.

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Comments.

1. This is presumably a Chinese firm with offices in Cambodia.
2. This area may be intended for use as an airfield, though if it is, it will be a matter of concern to the Thai Government, since agreements exist between the Thai and Cambodian Governments whereby no airfields will be constructed that close to their respective borders without prior consultation between the two governments.

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